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(SBU) After much internal deliberation, the GOA replied to reftel demarche to econoff on December 17. The GOA says that although it is supportive of the EU initiative if the intent is to raise standards set by classification societies, Australia prefers this be brought under the IMO umbrella rather than see the EU pursue it unilaterally. As such, the GOA would provide support should the US choose to raise the matter in multilateral fora such as the IMO.

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